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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 05225.0260

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Hideki YOSHIDA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2186  
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Application No.: 10/779,738 ) Examiner: Sheng Jen TSAI  
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Filed: February 18, 2004 )  
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For: STORAGE APPARATUS AND ) Confirmation No.: 9440  
      AREA ALLOCATION METHOD )

MailStop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2006, the period for response to which extends through January 13, 2007, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.

**Attachments** to this amendment include a **certified English Translation of Japanese priority application no. 2003-41486**.